

Nativity News Club Presents...

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Editor's Note:

Welcome Back, Nativity Family!

We are thrilled to release the second issue of *The All Saints Post*! In this edition, we cover a variety of topics, including world news, youth in gaming, a spotlight on a staff member, tips on how to take an effective study break, and the latest updates from Nativity sports.

We hope you enjoy reading this issue, and as always, stay curious!

Sincerely,

The Nativity News Club

Front Page News Update:

Cease Fire Has Been Issued Between Israel and HAMAS in Gaza

By Emersyn Hill

Conflict in Gaza: A 2024-2025 Update



On October 7, 2023, a group called Hamas attacked Israel, killing about 1,200 people and taking more than 240 people hostage. They did this through mass shootings, kidnappings, and rocket attacks on both regular citizens and soldiers.

In response, Israel started military actions in Gaza to try to stop Hamas. These actions have caused a lot of damage, and many people are suffering. By January 2024, over 26,000 people in Gaza had been killed, and thousands more were

injured. The Israeli military used airstrikes, ground operations, and blockades, which affected many civilians. In January 2025, Hamas and Israel agreed to a ceasefire, which means both sides stopped fighting for a while. As part of the deal, they exchanged prisoners and allowed aid to reach people in Gaza. Thousands of Palestinians were able to return to areas in Gaza that had been badly damaged by the fighting. Even though the ceasefire has helped bring some peace, there are still challenges to making sure it lasts and improving the situation for everyone affected by the conflict.



The situation in Gaza is still bad, with many people needing help. International groups are calling for more aid and are working to find ways to reduce the violence. Tensions are also growing in nearby areas, which could make things worse. The status of the conflict is still changing, and people are working to find a lasting solution. Both Israeli and Palestinian civilians are suffering because of the fighting. Many countries around the world are trying to help with the crisis and to bring peace to the region.

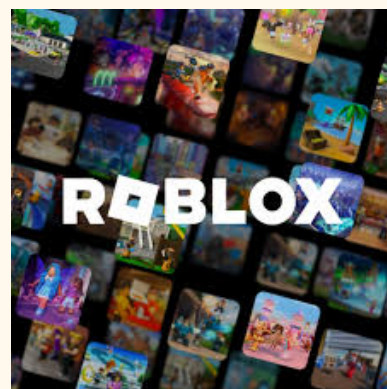
Generation Now: Teen Updates, Fashion Trends, and News

Why Roblox is so Popular Amongst Young Gamers

By August Dewdney and G'anna Woods

Roblox is a super popular game that has tons of different games to play, many of which are great for kids. One of the coolest things about Roblox is that you can customize your avatar, choosing outfits, hairstyles, and accessories to make it unique. You can also buy Robux, the game's money, with gift cards or online purchases to get even more customization options.

Roblox has all kinds of games to explore, including adventure, fashion, simulation, hobbies, platforming challenges, role-playing, and even horror games. No matter what you enjoy—dressing up characters, solving puzzles, or going on exciting adventures—there's something for everyone. Plus, with Roblox Studio, players can create their own games, which helps them be creative, learn coding, and even work with others to design fun experiences.



But like any online game, Roblox has some risks. Some games may not be appropriate for younger kids, especially scary horror games or ones made for older players. There's also a chance of scams, where people try to trick others into giving away their items or Robux. To stay safe, never share your account information, be careful when trading, and don't click on links from strangers.

Overall, Roblox is an awesome and creative game that lets players explore, customize their characters, and even build their own worlds. As long as you play safely and make smart choices, it's a fun way to be creative and try new things!

Staff Spotlight: Get to Know our Teachers and Staff

Interview with Mrs. Adams: A Dedicated and Energetic Educator

By Gianni Nelson and Marissa Pompous

Have you ever interviewed a staff member before? Well, we have! Meet Mrs. Amanda Adams, a beloved teacher at Nativity School. She's outgoing, occasionally strict, and overall an amazing educator. Mrs. Adams has been teaching at Nativity for seven years, welcoming new students and building connections with each class she teaches.

Her journey into teaching was inspired by several key role models in her life. One of her biggest influences was her mother, who served as a strong example for her. Additionally, she was motivated by her own exceptional teachers in elementary school—especially her math teacher—who made a lasting impact on her education. Their support and dedication inspired her to follow in their footsteps and become a teacher herself.

Mrs. Adams' favorite subjects are Social Studies and Science, and while she primarily teaches Science, she is passionate about both. Before joining Nativity, she worked at a daycare for toddlers called Generational Daycare. However, she was eager to take on new challenges and grow as an educator, so when Nativity was hiring, she saw it as the perfect opportunity to transition from preschool education to a more advanced teaching environment.

While she enjoys teaching, Mrs. Adams also faces challenges in her role. Classroom management can be tough, especially when students misbehave or act disrespectfully. One of her biggest struggles is balancing her professional responsibilities with her personal life, making sure she has enough time for both her job and her family. One fun fact about Mrs. Adams? She has a bit of an energy drink addiction! It's no surprise that being a teacher requires a lot of energy, but we hope she reads this article before reaching for yet another can.

We chose to interview Mrs. Adams because of her fun and kind personality. She has a great sense of humor and knows how to make people laugh, even when she has to be a little strict. Despite her occasional tough love, we respect and appreciate her as an educator. Thank you, Mrs. Adams, for everything you do!

Scholars Section: Tips and Tricks for Middle School and High School Preparation

Study Burnout is Real! How to Take a Break Without Falling Behind

By Mr. Smith

Have you ever been studying for awhile, and just need a minute to regroup? Well believe it or not, but taking a break or two during a study session actually improves overall focus and productivity! Taking breaks from studying is important for middle school students to stay focused and avoid burnout. One fun way to recharge is through physical activity, such as going for a quick walk, stretching, or even having a mini dance party. Moving around helps improve circulation and boosts energy levels, making it easier to concentrate when returning to studying. Another great option is playing a short game, whether it's a simple board game, a quick round of a video game, or a brain teaser like a puzzle. These activities provide a mental reset while still engaging the brain in a different way.



Creative activities are also a great way to relax while taking a break. Doodling, painting, or making origami can help relieve stress and encourage self-expression. Listening to music or playing an instrument can also be a refreshing way to clear the mind. If students prefer a quieter activity, reading a fun book or watching a short, entertaining video can provide a mental escape before getting back to work. The key is to find enjoyable and refreshing

activities that don't take too much time, so students can return to studying feeling re-energized and ready to focus.

Athletes Alley: Sports Scores and Updates

Nativity Basketball Team Remains Undefeated, Prepares for Final Game

By Leilani Rosado

The Nativity basketball team continues its dominant season, securing another decisive victory this past Saturday with a final score of **59-39**. The team remains undefeated as they head into their final game of the season this weekend.



Despite a competitive match up with St. Lawrence that saw its fair share of fouls, the team displayed remarkable resilience and teamwork. Their sharp passing, disciplined defense, and impressive three-point shooting played a crucial role in securing the win.

With the final game set for **Saturday at St. Jude, tipoff at 5:15 p.m.**, Nativity players are determined to maintain their perfect record and close out the season on a high note.



Following Saturday's game, players shared their thoughts on the victory. One player confidently remarked that the game was a "Solid performance from the team." Others humorously described the matchup as "Nativity versus the refs," referring to the amount of foul calls that the team received throughout the game. Regardless of any challenges faced on the court, the team remained focused and delivered another strong performance.

As the season finale approaches, the team looks to carry its momentum forward, continuing to practice hard and play with heart. Fans and supporters are encouraged to come out and cheer on Nativity as they aim to finish their season undefeated.

Coaches Corner: The Leaders of Nativity Sports and Clubs

Coaching with Passion: The Stories Behind Nativity's Volleyball and Basketball Teams

By Analiese Franco

At Nativity, sports aren't just about competition—they're about teamwork, growth, and the dedication of coaches who believe in their players. Two of Nativity's coaches, Coach Smith (volleyball) and Coach Arnell (Basketball), sat down to share their perspectives on coaching, their passion for their sports, and their faith in their athletes.

Coach Smith: Building a Volleyball Program from the Ground Up

When Coach Smith first saw an unused volleyball net at Nativity, he saw an opportunity. Not just to start a team, but to introduce students to a sport they might not have otherwise experienced.

"I always liked volleyball, and there aren't many inter-city opportunities for it that don't cost a fortune," he explained. "I thought it would be great to give kids a chance to try something new."

For Mr. Smith, volleyball is more than just a game—it's a lesson in teamwork and resilience. "It teaches you not to dwell on the past, to focus on what's ahead. Volleyball is a point-by-point game. If you lose a point, you can't get down on yourself. You have to be ready for the next one."

He also emphasized the drive and determination he sees in his players. Even after just one practice, he noticed how much they wanted to improve. "It's about the effort to get better—whether it's bumping, setting, or just moving your feet."

When it comes to motivation, Mr. Smith believes in balance. "There are two ways to go about it—positive reinforcement, telling them 'It's okay, keep going,' or sometimes making lighthearted jokes but never being too hard on them. Mistakes happen."

I, as the Team Captain of the team, praise both the team and our coach for their hard work and dedication. "My team has improved so much! I'm so proud of my teammates for gaining new skills throughout the season. Coach Smith is patient, supportive, and always encourages us to do our best."

Coach Arnell: Finding Identity in the Game

For Coach Arnell, basketball is more than a sport—it’s a way for players to express themselves both as individuals and as a team.

"Basketball allows kids to show who they are—not just through their skills, but through how they work together," he said.

He takes pride in coaching a diverse group of athletes, all at different levels of experience but united by their commitment to improvement. "I’m proud of all of them because they each bring different strengths, but they all strive to get better every day."

Pushing players to their best means setting high expectations. "I don’t accept anything less than 100%. Sometimes that means being more verbal—otherwise known as yelling," he admitted with a laugh.

What inspired him to coach in the first place? The joy of seeing players succeed. "I saw how happy they were when they accomplished something on the court, and I wanted to be a part of that."

Conclusion: More Than a Game

As the volleyball and basketball teams continue to grow under the guidance of their dedicated coaches, it’s clear that sports at Nativity are more than just games—they’re shaping experiences, building character, and creating memories that will last far beyond the season.

